

“Traite anatomique de la chenille”, 1762, £110; Swammerdam’s “Bybel de Natuure”, the first edition of 1737-38, made £385 however.

The four volumes of “Seitz” dealing with the Palaearctic Lepidoptera, bound volumes from the library of the late Henry J. Turner (together with the small incomplete Vol. 9), made the high price of £242. This was at once followed by what appeared to be an almost complete set of all volumes unbound, as far as issued up to the outbreak of the 1939 war, which went for the absurdly cheap price of £66.

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THE CLIFDEN NONPAREIL (*CATOCALA FRAXINI* L.) IN NORFOLK. — Altogether there have been seven reports of this moth in Norfolk in 1976 as follows: (1) Sea Palling, one taken at light, August 28th; (2) Hickling, one taken at light by Dr. T. N. D. Peet, August; (3) Sutton, one found dead, September 5th; (4) Norwich, one found on September 5th; (5) Horsford, one taken by Mr. Foster, September 5th; (6) Taverham, one seen, September 7th; and, finally (7) Cley, one taken by Mr. Patrick Kearney on the night of September 19th/20th. Nos. (1) and (2) are those recorded by Dr. Peet in the October issue of the *Record*. — Dr. E. A. ELLIS, Wheatfen Broad, Surlingham, Norfolk.

HUMMING-BIRD HAWK IN THE ISLE OF MAN IN 1976. — In addition to the Camberwell Beauties, the Isle of Man has had other noteworthy visitors this year, including many Humming-bird Hawks (*Macroglossum stellatarum* L.). Between mid-August and the end of September reports were received from Colby, Castletown, Ballasalla, Douglas, Glen Vine, Sulby and Ramsey. The species was last abundant here in 1947. 1976 has also been remarkable for the numbers of Red Admirals (*Vanessa atalanta*) and Peacocks (*Nymphalis io*). — Dr. L. S. GARRAD, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.

COSMOPTERIX ZIEGLERELLA (HUBNER) (EXIMIA HAWORTH) (LEP., MOMPHTIDAE) IN ESSEX. — In the *Victoria County History* (1903) W. Harwood states that it occurs amongst hop near Colchester: it still does so. On the 24th of August, 1976, I noted vacated mines of this species at the headquarters of the Essex Naturalist’s Trust at Fingringhoe, less than five miles from the town centre of Colchester.

Meyrick (1928) gives its distribution as “Surrey, Middlesex and Essex”. I have not heard of its having been taken recently in the first two counties, but there are at least two good colonies in West Kent. This is one of our rarest species of microlepidoptera, besides being one of the most beautiful. — A. M. EMMET, Labrey Cottage, Victoria Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex.